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2 Application Serial No. ....08/897,217  
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5 Applicant .....Microsoft Corporation  
6 Group Art Unit .....2126  
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9 Title: Interprocess Communication Mechanism For Heterogeneous Computer  
10 Processes

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 2003**

**PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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**AMENDMENTS**

**In the Claims**

17 No claims have been amended.

18 Claims 16-21 were previously canceled.

19 Claims 1-15 and 22-36 are pending and are listed following: